

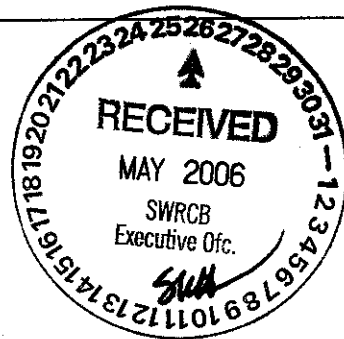


OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

6/7/06 BdMtg Item 9
Priority List
Deadline: May 30, 2006

May 23, 2006

Ms. Song Her, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Her:

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments on the draft fiscal year 2006/2007 Project Priority List for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program. The City of Galt is currently listed as "Category A" in the draft list for an eligible cost of \$36 million beginning in year 2008.

Since 2002, the City of Galt has undertaken and completed a significant number of steps to define and begin implementation of improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). These efforts have been directed towards achieving compliance with the City's revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Although the City's NPDES Permit is currently in abeyance with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Regional Water Quality Control Board, the City has proceeded with planning, engineering studies, environmental assessments and treatment plant assessments based on the tentative permit issued in 2004. Obtaining public input, and integrating that input into the process, has been an important element of our endeavor to comply with the NPDES permit requirements. In fact, the City recently awarded a preliminary design project for tertiary filtration and UV disinfection upgrades, the first major step in possibly a multi-step improvement process for the WWTP, with construction scheduled to begin in summer or fall of 2008.

The City is required to upgrade the WWTP regardless of cost and regardless of funding mechanism. The potential cost savings to the citizens of Galt (a current population of approximately 24,000 residents) using the SRF funding program versus a standard bond program could be as much as \$60M.

The City requests that the SWRCB adopt this priority list with the City of Galt included as an approved participant in the program.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Gregg L. Halladay, Director of Public Works, at (209) 366-7260.

Sincerely,

Darryl Clare
Darryl Clare, Mayor

cc: City Council Members (4), City of Galt
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